

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** is the **Second Sunday of Easter, April 8.**

Prior to the Saturday evening Mass of April 7 at St. John Catholic Church in Fayetteville, we will join in singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by the Knights of Columbus Men's Choir.

On Sunday, April 8, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church near Ellinger, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, ending with Benediction.

Everyone is invited to take part.

**Pray the Divine Mercy Novena** Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

During the Solemn Novena leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

**DAY 1 (Good Friday)** - All mankind, especially sinners

**DAY 2 (Holy Saturday)** - The souls of priests and religious

**DAY 3 (Easter Sunday)** - All devout and faithful souls

**DAY 4 (Easter Monday)** - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

**DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday)** - The souls of separated brethren

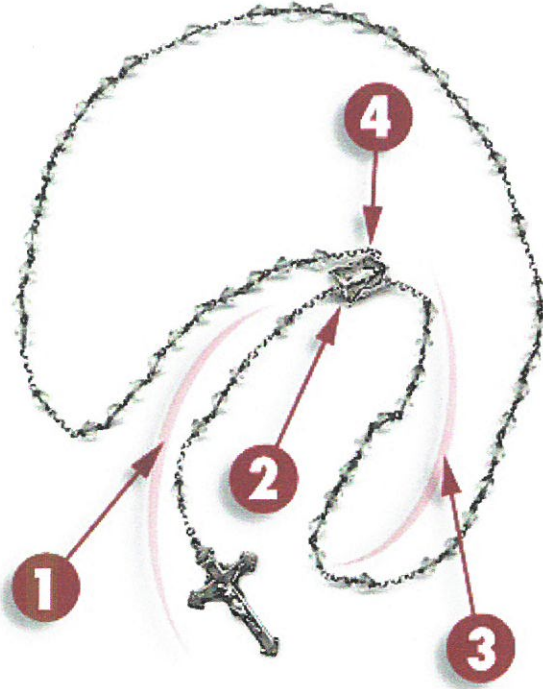
**DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday)** - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

**DAY 7 (Easter Thursday)** - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

**DAY 8 (Easter Friday)** - The souls who are detained in purgatory;

**DAY 9 (Easter Saturday)** - The souls who have become lukewarm.

## The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy



1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross,  
1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:  
***Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.***
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:  
***For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.***  
  
*(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).*
4. Conclude with *(three times)*:  
***Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.***